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Deb,

Ag update for the week of May 29, 2018.

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**Action Items:**

- Updated MT Enforcement agreement is on your desk.
- Discussion with Doug at 3:00pm about State Ag Project Summary.

**National Ag Updates:**

- U.S. Poultry and Egg just released a video for producers, made in cooperation with EPA, on what to expect from an EPA or State NPDES inspection.
- Administrator Pruitt Announces \$2 Million in Water Quality Grants for Mississippi and Iowa related to the Gulf of Mexico program yesterday to Mississippi farmers.

**Regional Ag Updates:**

- **RA Office Summer Intern:**
  - Bri Colon started this week but will not be physically in the RA's office until Monday.
  - She is working on an ag education project with Virginia Till, Wendy Dew and myself.
  - I will set up a time for you to meet her in June.
- **Controlled Correspondence on neonicotinoids (Letter to RA):** Missy is working to find the number and will assign it to HQ Office of Pesticide Programs to prepare and sign.
- **R8 Smart Sectors Status Update (in order of occurrence):**
  - MT – June 22 in Ovando, MT. Cancelled. I will need to work with Patrick to develop another opportunity. He is not available to attend this tour in Doug's place.
  - ND – June 25 from 3-5pm in Minot, ND.
  - SD – July 12 from 1:30-3:30pm (after the SD Governor's Ag Summit). Going to try and make an ag tour happen while Doug is in SD.
  - UT – July 31 from 10-11:30am.
  - CO/WY – July 23 event is cancelled per Diane Moon. I will work to incorporate this event into CO ag tour on July 24. I was able to reserve the CSU Research Farm.
- **CHS Environmental Training:**
  - Per a request from CHS we have coordinated with NDDH and NDDA to set up an in person day long training.
  - Due to late planting this year and an anhydrous ammonia (fertilizer) shortage, this training will be moved to Aug 1 or 2 in Bismarck, ND

- **Ag Tours for the RA:**

- MT – Cancelled per another priority. I will work with Diane to see if we can make this happen later in the summer for another MT trip.
- SD – Will start planning.
- CO – Tour is tentatively set for July 24. Tour will highlight the water, feed corn and CAFO connection. Still working on the agenda with Colorado Corn and the Colorado Livestock Association.

**Meeting of Importance next week:**

- Mon-Tues. – (6/4-6/5) STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG) meeting in DC. I will participate in as much as possible remotely.
- Mon (6/4) – RARE grant review discussion
- Mon (6/4) – Smart Sectors call with Patrick Davis and Paula Mills at Colorado State University
- Wed (6/6) – R8 OWP/Ag Update monthly meeting. Meeting purpose is to share information with program offices on a regular basis to see if there are opportunities to collaborate.
- Thurs (6/7) – RMNP Steering Committee meeting at CDPHE.

**Rebecca's schedule next week:**

- Monday – Regular telework day. I will be in the office for the morning to get Bri settled and attend AI's RARE grant review meeting. However, I will telework the remainder of the day.
- Thursday – Regular telework day.

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